

Statement

by H.E. Mr. Tran Tuan Anh, Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade, Chairman of National Authority on CWC Implementation at the 19th Session of the Conference of States Parties (The Hague 1st December 2014)

Mme. Chairperson,
Mr. Director- General,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me, on behalf of the Viet Nam's delegation, to express our warm congratulation on your election to the Chairmanship of the Nineteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties. It is our confidence that with your knowledge, skills and experience you will lead this year session to a successful outcome and I assure you of the full support of our delegation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Chairman, Ambassador Dr Sa'ad Abdul Majeed Ibrahim Al-Ali of Iraq, for his excellent and skilful chairmanship of the Eighteen Session of Conference of the State Parties. I also wish to congratulate the newly-elected Bureau members of this Nineteenth Session of the Conference.

Mme. Chairperson,
Ladies and gentlemen,

We fully associate our self with the statement delivered by the distinguishes representative of Iran on behalf of NAM & China. Being a country that has experienced many-year wars, Viet Nam values the peace of a world without weapons of mass destruction. Proceeding from the foreign policy of independence, self-reliance, peace, cooperation and development for the prosperity of the nation and the international community Viet Nam actively participated in the activities of the international community to prevent, repel risk of war as well as deal with the consequences of armed conflict and war. Viet Nam joined and strictly observes many conventions, agreements and protocols on disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Regarding the CWC, Viet Nam, since its inception, has spared no efforts to take continuous and firm steps to support the implementation of the Convention and activities of the OPCW. Viet Nam has adopted the necessary measures to implement its obligations under the Convention. The Government Decree of 2005 on the CWC implementation together and the relevant Articles of Viet Nam's Penal Code of 1999 contain the full set of the legislative and administrative measures to implement the Article VII requirement. And this year, after 8 year this decree's implementation, some articles should be revised to meet a demand of current circumstance of chemical industry and more effectively implement our obligations as CWC State Party.

Looking at the activities of the OPCW in 2014, Viet Nam is satisfied with the progress that the international community has been made in the delimitation of chemical weapons, especially the delimitation of Syrian chemical weapons. We also acknowledge the efforts made by the OPCW Technical Secretariat lead by Mr. Director-General in carrying out a lot number important activities within its mandate. During recent visit to the OPCW and meeting with the leadership the OPCW Secretariat, H.E. Mr. Uong Chu Luu, Vice President of Viet Nam's National Assembly has conveyed warm congratulations to the OPCW and reiterates commitments of Viet Nam to closely cooperate with international community and OPCW in the implementation of the CWC. During the course of this year's Session, our Delegation will work actively with all Delegations and with you, Mme. Chairperson, to ensure the success of the Session.

Mme. Chairperson,

In conclusion, I wish to request that this statement be considered as an official document of the Nineteenth Session of the Conference State Parties.

Thank you for your attention./.